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(AMERICANS)

HAVANA---NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAD ARRANGED THE RELEASE OF NINE AMERICAN SKINDIVERS HELD BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT SINCE FEBRUARY.

DONOVAN SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WITH THE NINE MEN LATER TODAY.

A STATE DEPARTMENT LIST RELEASED AT HOMESTEAD NAMED THE MEN AS JACK W. BROWNE, 18710 NW 29TH AVE., MIAMI; ROBERT C. MORAN, 250 EAST AVENUE, LOCKPORT, N. Y., AND ALSO OF BROWNE'S ADDRESS IN MIAMI; CLIFFORD G. BURNS, 60 ELM ST. LEBANON, N. H.; STEVEN BAAD, 2317 S. 80TH AVE., OMAHA, NEB.; JOHN R. KLINNER OF OCEAN RANCH HOTEL, MIAMI; RICHARD AVERY, 5813 FERNWOOD, PHILADELPHIA, PA.; DON BAIRD OF MADISON, GA.; CHARLES BOOHER, 2434 WASHINGTON ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.; AND JAMES BROWN, 124 PINKLEY, CHESTER, PA.

PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS IN MIAMI SAID A PLANE HAD BEEN SENT TO HAVANA THIS MORNING AND WAS EXPECTED BACK WITH DONOVAN AND THE NINE AMERICANS AT 10 A. M. EST. A SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD LAND AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE.

DONOVAN SAID THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT INFORMED HIM IT HAS ESTABLISHED "INNOCENCE" OF THE SKINDIVERS' EXPEDITION. "DESPITE THE SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE."

THE MEN HAD BEEN HELD IN CUBA SINCE THEY WERE PICKED UP WHILE WALKING ALONG A BEACH IN NORTHERN CAMAGUEY PROVINCE FEB. 12. THEY WERE ARRESTED AND HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE.

THE AMERICANS HAD SAILED FROM MIAMI JAN. 20 ON A FISHING EXPEDITION TO THE CARIBBEAN ABOARD THE 100-FOOT MOTOR VESSEL SHRUB.

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